

URBAN DISTRICT



OF CLECKHEATON

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OF THE

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STATISTICAL MEMORANDA, 1911.

Population, 1911 Census	...	...	...	12867
„ 1901 „	...	...	...	12520
Inhabited Houses at end of 1911	..	...		3161
Density of Population	...	...	7.33 per acre.	
Acreage	...	...	1755 acres.	
Births No.	...	...	230	
Birth Rate	...	...	17.87	
Deaths No.	...	...	179	
Death Rate	...	...	13.9	
Other Death Rates :				
Cancer	...	...	...	1.55
Zymotic (seven principal diseases)	..	..		.62
Respiratory (excluding Phthisis)	...	...		1.32
Phthisis	...	...	...	.38
Infantile Mortality per 1000 Births	...	...		121.7
Total Rainfall	...	...	...	24.67 inches.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

ITEM	England and Wales	Great Towns 76	Smaller Towns 142	England and Wales less the 218 towns	Cleck-heaton
Birth Rate	24.4	25.6	23.4	23.4	17.87
Death Rate	14.6	15.5	13.8	13.9	13.9
Zymotic Death Rate ...	1.88	2.29	1.98	1.40	.62
Infantile Mortality per 1000 Births	130	140	133	118	121.7

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HEALTH OFFICE,
TOWN HALL,
CLECKHEATON,

28th Feb., 1912.

***To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Cleckheaton.***

GENTLEMEN,

I have great pleasure in laying before you my Sixth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The Urban District of Cleckheaton embraces an area of 1755 acres and is roughly triangular; the sides about two miles in length. The population of the Cleckheaton Ward is principally at the Southern angle. Scholes is at the West and Oakenshaw at the North, the intervening land being chiefly agricultural.

The surface is undulating with a general fall to the S.E.

The greater part of the district has a natural drainage to the Spen Beck and the remainder to Blacup Beck.

The Bed of the Spen is about 240 feet above sea level and the highest part of the District is near Westfield, where the elevation is 576 feet.

The industries carried on are of a very varied character, and this in a great measure contributes to its uniform prosperity, the chief of these is that of Worsted Spinning.

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Card Clothing Manufacture is also a most important industry and had its origin here. Cable and fine Wire Drawing has in recent years developed into a very considerable department of trade.

Ironfounding and Machine Making is extensively carried on.

Brace and Belt Manufacturing provides a good deal of employment.

Leather Currying, Chemical Manufacturers, Motor Cycle and Art Printing Works are other trades that give employment.

Geologically the District is on the Coal Measures with Surface Clay and Shales.

The Coal Measures are hardly the best sites for building, as the clays are impervious and hold the water on the surface.

GENERALLY.—On April 2nd, 1911, the Census was taken, and showed the population to be 12,867—a very disappointing result—showing an increase since 1901 of only 347. Last year's statistics were based on an estimated higher population, consequently they showed slightly better results than they should have been. The natural increase of population for the year (excess of births over deaths) was 51.

Seldom has there been such a year as last. From early March to the end of October each season was almost perfect—too fine perhaps, for our habits of life are not adapted to cope with occasional, still less with sustained, tropical conditions of weather; our lives are based on the assumption that we shall not have to cope with extremes of heat any more than with intense cold. If the summer had lasted much longer we should have been compelled to adopt tropical habits and precautions, and habits of a lifetime are not to be changed suddenly without dire confusion.

Diarrhœa was extremely prevalent. Its incidence, however, was more amongst adults, although children did not escape, but there were only 3 deaths.

The Rainfall for the year was the lowest recorded, an inch less than the dry year of 1908. If it had not been for the wet in November and December it would have been extremely low.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Few cases arose till November, when a small outbreak occurred in the Moor End District, and mostly in connection with the school there. The first cases were children attending from an outside district.

All the Scarlatina cases with one exception were promptly isolated in Hospital, and the houses immediately disinfected by fumigation, etc.

Measles was prevalent at the end of the year and Moor End Infant School was closed for a time.

Considering the very dry Summer the drainage system has proved efficient and no complaints have been received; in a great measure this is due to the satisfactory work done by the Webb lamps. I would like to see another one placed at the top of New Lane.

The tarviated roads, Market Street and Balme Road, are satisfactory, and the tar-spraying in the Whiteliffe, Scholes, and Whitechapel Roads showed that more of our roads would be benefitted by that operation.

During the year a number of Privy Closets have been converted into w.c.'s—more should be altered. All the new houses built have been supplied with w.c.'s.

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Last year I called attention to the great benefit to certain streets that had been paved, and pointed out several that were urgently requiring attention. Backyards also are crying out for attention.

MILK SUPPLY.—Six samples were taken by the Inspector and all were found pure. I have also tested many samples, with only one that was at all suspicious. Milk is not as carefully kept as it might be in the homes.

The compulsory Notification of Births Act came into force in May, and has been carried out fairly well; a few cases have been neglected.

A Nurse has been appointed; her visits and advice in most cases being greatly appreciated—the exceptions being cases that require her attention most.

PHTHISIS.—The compulsory notification came into force on the 1st of January. We shall thus be able to know where the cases are and means taken to assist the patient and his friends in the fight against the disease.

POPULATION.—The population at the last Census was 12867. This population is distributed in the three Wards as follows:—

	1910.		1911.				
	Estimated.		Actual.		Males.		Females.
Cleckheaton	... 10700	...	10509	...	4849	...	5660
Scholes	... 1775	...	1721	...	866	...	855
Oakenshaw	... 660	...	637	...	307	...	330
	<u>13135</u>	...	<u>12867</u>	...	<u>6022</u>	...	<u>6845</u>

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It will be noticed that in Scholes the males exceed the females.

BIRTHS.—The total number of births registered during the year was 230, a decrease of 24 on the preceding year. Of those infants 104 were males and 126 females. The total birth rate was 17·87, a decrease of 1·46 on 1910. The rate for the whole of England and Wales was 24·4 per 1000, and the ratios of the past eight years were as follows:—

Year.		Number.		Rate per 1000.
1904	...	278	...	21·84
1905	...	278	...	21·72
1906	...	260	...	20·20
1907	...	267	...	20·64
1908	...	259	...	19·92
1909	...	253	...	19·35
1910	...	254	...	19·33
1911	...	230	...	17·87

The numbers and rates for each Ward are as follows:

	Rate per 1000. 1911.	Rate per 1000. 1910.	Rate per 1000. 1909.	Rate per 1000. 1908.
Cleckheaton	179...17·03	207...19·34	198...18·58	216...20·37
Scholes	40...23·25	35...19·71	43...24·43	34...19·42
Oakenshaw	11...17·18	12...18·18	12...18·32	9...13·84

ILLEGITIMACY.—The number of Illegitimate Births registered was 5, a decrease on the previous year of 2. This number is equal to a percentage of all birth of 2·17.

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QUARTERLY RETURNS OF BIRTHS.

		Males.		Females.		Totals.
First Quarter	...	30	...	32	...	62
Second	,,	27	...	32	...	59
Third	,,	22	...	34	...	56
Fourth	,,	25	...	28	...	53
Totals	...	104		126		230

DEATHS.—The total number of deaths registered in the district during the year was 173. Six deaths of non-residents occurred. These have to be deducted. On the other hand I have notices of the deaths of 12 Cleckheaton residents who died out of the district. The corrected number therefore becomes 179, an increase of 15 on last year. Of these deaths 83 were males and 96 females.

QUARTERLY RETURNS OF DEATHS.

		Males.		Females.		Totals.
First Quarter	...	17	...	26	...	43
Second	,,	22	...	23	...	45
Third	,,	30	...	24	...	54
Fourth	,,	14	...	23	...	37
Totals	...	83		96		179

The total annual death rate is equal to 13·9, an increase of 1·42 on the year before. The rate for England and Wales for the same period is 14·6.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR PAST TEN YEARS.

1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
13.34	12.88	15.71	14.53	15.07	11.13	13.61	11.70	12.48	13.9
Average for 10 years, 13.43.									

The separate numbers and rates for each Ward were as follows:—

	1911.		1910.		1909.		1908.	
	No.	Rate per 1000	No.	Rate per 1000	No.	Rate per 1000	No.	Rate per 1000
Cleckheaton	140...	13.32	145...	13.55	129...	12.10	154...	14.52
Scholes	28...	16.27	16...	9.01	17...	9.65	19...	10.92
Oakenshaw	11...	17.81	3...	4.54	7...	10.68	6...	9.23

INFANTILE MORTALITY.—The number of Infantile Deaths registered, i.e., of children under one year of age, was 28, a decrease of 6. This equals a percentage of all deaths of 15.64, a percentage of all births of 12.17, and a total annual death rate of 2.17. The Infantile Mortality is therefore 121.7, this being the rate per 1000 births, as compared with 133.8 for last year, and with 118 for England and Wales.

RATES FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.

1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
158.2	136.5	130.7	89.8	115.0	102.7	133.8	121.7

On analysing the figures we get the following results:—

	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.
Premature Birth and Deficient Vitality at Birth	7	9	9	6
Bronchitis	2	5	2	7
Diarrhoea	1	1	0	3
Meningitis	2	1	0	3
Convulsions	5	11	5	3
Tuberculosis	2	3	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	3	1	1
Measles	1	0	0	0
Other Diseases	8	1	9	7
Total	28	34	26	30

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This rate is high, though slightly better than last year, and the only conclusion that can be drawn is that we are not doing all that ought to be done in the matter.

The nurse appointed visits all the houses where births are notified and gives advice on the care and feeding of infants and leaves a printed card of instructions. The dummy teats so much in use have much to answer for. I constantly see them picked up from a dirty floor and pushed into the infant's mouth without the least attempt at cleansing them.

In many houses there is inadequate accommodation for the storage of food; how often one sees the milk supply in the cupboard next the fire or on the sink stone, and received in vessels that are far from clean.

Under the Children's Act, open fireplaces must have an effective fireguard; where a child gets burned for the want of one, parents are liable to a heavy fine. There are many homes where a fireguard is wanting.

Over one year and under five years of age the number of deaths was 9, a decrease of 7. This gives a percentage of all deaths of 5.02, a percentage of all births of 3.91, and a total annual death rate of 0.69. The total number of deaths therefore of children under 5 years of age was 37, a decrease of 13 on the previous year. This number is equal to a percentage of all deaths of 20.67, to a percentage of all births of 16.08, and a total annual death rate of 2.85, as compared with 3.80 in 1910, 2.52 in 1909, 3.23 in 1908, 2.70 in 1907, 5.36 in 1906, and 3.97 in 1905.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF DEATHS AT ALL AGES.

Age	0-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-65	65 and upwards
1911...	28	9	9	8	65	60
1910...	34	16	5	2	61	46
1909...	26	7	3	4	62	51
1908...	30	12	10	11	59	55
1907...	24	11	5	5	38	61
1906...	34	36	19	10	49	56
1905...	38	12	8	14	59	57

SENILE MORTALITY.—The total number of deaths over 70 was 44, an increase of 11. Of these 17 were males and 27 females, The combined ages equal 3500 years, or an average of 79·54. The oldest inhabitants who died were a female aged 87, and a male aged 85.

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—From Zymotic Diseases 8 deaths occurred, an increase of one from last year.

1911.				1910.		
DISEASE	No. of Deaths	Percentage of all Deaths	Death Rate for 1911	No. of Deaths	Percentage of all Deaths	Death Rate for 1910
Small Pox ...	—	—	—	0	0·00	0·00
Measles ...	1	0·55	0·08	2	1·21	0·15
Scarlet Fever ...	0	0·00	0·00	0	0·00	0·00
Diphtheria ...	3	1·67	0·23	1	0·60	0·07
Whooping Cough	0	0·00	0·00	3	1·82	0·22
Enteric Fever ...	1	0·55	0·08	0	0·00	0·00
Diarrhœa ...	3	1·67	0·23	1	0·60	0·07
TOTALS ...	8	4·46	0·62	7	4·26	0·53

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These 8 deaths are equal to a percentage of all deaths of 4.46, and to a total annual death rate of .62. In 1910 the rate was .53. For the year 1911 the rate for England and Wales was 0.99.

MORTALITY FROM SOME OTHER DISEASES.

DISEASE	No. of Deaths	Per cent. of all Deaths	Death Rate for 1911	No. of Deaths	Per cent. of all Deaths	Death Rate for 1910	No. of Deaths	Death Rate for 1909
Phthisis	5	2.79	0.38	6	3.65	0.45	6	0.45
Disease of Res- piratory Organs	17	9.49	1.32	27	16.46	2.05	36	2.75
Heart Disease ...	22	12.28	1.70	29	17.68	2.20	12	0.91
Bright's Disease...	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.60	0.07	5	0.39
Influenza	3	1.67	0.23	1	0.60	0.07	0	0.00
Cancer	20	11.17	1.55	9	5.48	0.68	10	0.74
TOTALS	67	37.40	5.18	73	44.47	5.52	69	5.27

PHTHISIS.—Sanitary Authorities everywhere are working energetically to combat this scourge, and with much success, as shown by the steady decline in the number of deaths from this disease.

Our Death Rate is comparatively low (rather lower than last year), and by continued efforts in teaching the people the necessity of avoiding overcrowding and allowing as much sunshine and fresh air into bedrooms, care in the disposal of tubercular sputum—refraining from indiscriminate spitting—it would be lower still. During the past summer I made again a series of observations between 10 and 12 a.m., and found out of 840 bedroom windows only 88 were open at all. This is not what it should be, and considering the summer we had.

The disinfection of rooms occupied by tuberculosis cases is carried out in all cases.

CANCER has caused 20 deaths as compared with 9 last year, all the deaths occurring in the age period 25—65. 18 of the 20 were above 45.

The number of Inquests held during the year was 5, as compared with 10 in 1910, 7 in 1909, 9 in 1908, 4 in 1907, 6 in 1906, and 8 in 1905. All were due to natural causes.

MORTUARY.—The Mortuary has been used four times during the year, and on three of the occasions post mortem examinations were performed.

DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD.—38 Interments have taken place in the Cemetery in Whitechapel Road during the year. Total since its opening 187.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—The Notifications of Infectious Diseases received number 54, as compared with 35 in 1910, 17 in 1909, 47 in 1908, 50 in 1907, 147 in 1906, 105 in 1905, 99 in 1904, and 125 in 1903. Scarlatina 34, Diphtheria 13, Enteric Fever 4, Erysipelas 3, Puerperal Fever 0. Of these notifications 43 occurred in back-to-back houses and 11 in through houses.

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DISTRIBUTION AND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

WARD			Scarlatina			Enteric Fever			Small Pox			Erysipelas			Diphtheria		
			1911	1910	1909	1911	1910	1909	1911	1910	1909	1911	1910	1909	1911	1910	1909
Cleckheaton	...	...	30	12	9	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	13	1	1
Scholes	...	...	4	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Oakenshaw	..	...	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			...	34	28	15	4	4	0	0	0	3	2	1	13	1	1

TABLE OF CASES SENT TO HOSPITAL.

WARD			Scarlatina		Small Pox		Enteric Fever		Diphtheria		
			1911	1910	1911	1910	1911	1910	1911	1910	
Cleckheaton	...	...	29	9	0	0	3	2	13	1	
Scholes	...	...	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oakenshaw	...	...	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS			...	33	24	0	0	3	2	13	1

The Erysipelas cases were not eligible for hospital treatment. Of the remaining 51 cases, there were removed 49, or 96·07%.

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REMOVAL PERCENTAGE FOR PAST SIX YEARS.

1906	...	1907	...	1908	...	1909	...	1910	...	1911
83·8%	...	76·08%	...	81·08%	...	87·50/o...		81·810/o		96·070/o

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.—The North Bierley Joint Hospital received all the cases and they received every attention there.

The Small Pox Hospital is kept ready for immediate use, but fortunately it has not been required. During the year it has been thoroughly overhauled.

SANITARY WORK.—Taken from form 572.

CLASS OF BUILDING	No.	SANITARY CONDITION
Common Lodging House ...	0	
District Council's Slaughter-house	1	Good
Private Slaughter-houses ...	9	do.
Workshops ...	76	Clean & not overcrowded
Workplaces ...	19	do. do.
Bakehouses... ..	18	All in satisfactory condition
Fried Fish Shops ...	13	do. do.
Cowsheds ...	42	Fairly satisfactory
Offensive Trades ...	0	

INSPECTION WORK.

	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.
Houses Inspected ...	240	200	190	150	160
Factories ...	200	250	200	150	180
Privy Middens removed ...	48	13	41	12	32
Earth Closets erected ...	4	0	3	0	19
Water Closets erected ...	59	76	74	69	26
Waste Water Closets erected...	0	0	0	6	1
Drains, &c., Flushed (using 88,000 gallons of water) ...	138	171	161	168	150
Air Shafts erected ...	15	14	10	10	10

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I would recommend that after an air shaft has been in use for two years it should be opened and cleared out as it is found that after that period they are apt to be at least partially blocked.

HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.—65 new houses have been built and certified for occupation during the year. All are through houses, most of them cottages. All are provided with W.C.'s.

BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSES.—During the year 49 specimens were forwarded to the West Riding Laboratory at Wakefield, viz.:—Blood for Enteric Fever, 10; Throat Swabs for Diphtheria, 35; Sputum for Tuberculosis Bacillus, 4; Urine, 0.

SCAVENGING.—This work carried out by the Council's staff has been on the whole satisfactory.

It would be a much-needed improvement if more of the larger privy middens could be emptied during the night or early in the morning when there are few people about.

SEWERAGE.—The new system of sewage disposal for Oakenshaw Ward is now completed and in use.

SMOKE NUISANCE.—This very decided nuisance is as bad as ever, and the amount of Black Smoke turned out has been very excessive. It has been proved, I think, that it is quite possible to reduce the emission of Black Smoke without causing inconvenience to the user.

I fear, however, till soot becomes more valuable it will continue to be belched forth to the damage of our buildings and to the injury of the public health.

DESTRUCTION OF REFUSE.—The Refuse Destructor continues to do good work, and figures relating to it will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

OTHER STATISTICS.

HORSE AMBULANCE.—The Horse Ambulance has been used on 12 occasions for accidents and 28 times for the removal of invalids, a total of 40 times for the year. From the 3rd September, 1897, to date, it has been out on service 359 times, 125 for accidents and 234 for invalids.

VACCINATION.—By the courtesy of the Vaccination Officer I have been enabled to tabulate the following figures:—

	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.
Infants Registered	230	254	253	259
„ Vaccinated at end of year ...	32	47	83	102
„ Deceased prior to possibility of Vaccination	16	14	12	16
Postponements, Removals, and Unvaccin- ated	59	74	28	37
Certificates of Conscientious Objections ...	123	119	130	104
Totals ...	230	254	253	259

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From the above figures it will be noted that only 32 infants out of 230 have been vaccinated.

The remarkable extent to which the Act which was passed in the interests of "conscientious objectors" has been taken advantage of has given rise to an exceedingly grave state of affairs, and a population is being prepared amongst which Small Pox would spread in a manner of which this generation has had no experience.

From the Registrar-General's returns non-vaccination has been rising by leaps and bounds during the last three years. If exemptions were really asked for and obtained because of conscientious objections one might give some excuse for the 1907 Act, but it is ridiculous to maintain that in any but a very few cases has "conscientious objection" anything to do with the withdrawing of a child from vaccination. It is now less trouble to omit vaccination than to have it done. In short the "conscientious objector" is encouraged to be a fraud, and in the interests not only of public health, but of public morality, the Act of 1907, which permits this state of affairs, should be amended as soon as possible.

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RAINFALL FOR PAST THREE YEARS.

TEMPERATURE.

Month	1911	1910	1909	1911		1910		1909	
				Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
January ...	1.20 in.	4.29 in.	1.73 in.	48	27	50	13	48	19
February...	2.39 „	3.34 „	0.65 „	52	22	49	30	51	27
March ...	1.18 „	0.43 „	3.05 „	53	31	54	30	56	23
April ...	1.16 „	2.48 „	2.81 „	59	27	56	27	66	31
May ...	1.16 „	2.01 „	2.09 „	73	33	68	35	72	31
June ...	2.70 „	4.34 „	3.61 „	75	40	74	44	63	35
July ...	0.85 „	2.60 „	3.03 „	83	44	70	44	70	44
August ...	1.57 „	3.39 „	2.72 „	83	48	68	48	72	46
September	2.89 „	0.18 „	3.23 „	73	43	66	39	60	40
October ...	2.53 „	1.98 „	2.74 „	55	28	66	37	60	26
November	3.36 „	4.45 „	0.41 „	52	30	48	26	54	26
December	3.68 „	2.96 „	6.18 „	50	31	48	28	50	20
TOTAL ...	24.67 in.	32.45 in.	32.25 in.						

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FACTORY ACT ADMINISTRATION.—Appended are figures and details of the Administration of this Act.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES,
and HOMEWORK.

1.—INSPECTION.

*Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors
of Nuisances.*

PREMISES	NUMBER OF		
	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Prosecu- tions
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)...	200	Nil	Nil
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	150	Nil	Nil
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report).	18	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	368	Nil	Nil

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2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

PARTICULARS	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions				
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector					
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Act:</i>								
Want of Cleanliness ...	0	0						
Want of Ventilation ...								
Overcrowding ...								
Want of drainage of floors ...								
Other Nuisances ...								
Sanitary Accommodation—								
Insufficient ...								
Unsuitable or defective ...	0	0						
Not separate for sexes ...								
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:</i>								
Illegal Occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ...								
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (s.s. 97 to 100) ...								
Other Offences ...								
TOTAL ...	0	0						

3.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at end of year				Number
Workshops ...	...	...	...	76
Bakehouses ...	...	...	...	18
Workplaces ...	...	...	...	19
Total number of workshops on Register ...				113

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4.—OTHER MATTERS.

CLASS	Number
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories:	Nil
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (S. 133)	Nil
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (S. 5):	
Notified by H.M. Inspector	Two
Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector	Remedied Two
Other Matters	Nil
Underground Bakehouses (S. 101):	Nil
Certificates granted during the year	Nil
In use at the end of the year	None

Table C, 1911. CLECKHEATON SANITARY DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY.—

In what parts is there a piped supply laid on? All.

Any developments during 1911? No.

Any insufficiency, and where? No.

Any curtailment during drought? Yes.

Any unsatisfactory quality, and where? Occasionally dirty.

Any unchecked plumbo solvent action? No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

What parts have sewers and outfall works? Practically all the district.

Any developments during 1911? Main outfall sewer and new disposal works Oakenshaw Ward.

Developments still needed? Small length of sewer at West-field.

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works or complaints as to smells? None.

No. of sink-wastes disconnected during 1911? Very few on existing property.

Trapped? All.

Proportion of sink-wastes still needing disconnection? Practically none.

Untrapped? None.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens? 41.

No. of Privies with covered middens? 66.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets? 6.

No. of Water Closets? 1068.

Waste-water Closets? 325.

No. of Closets re-constructed during 1911—

(a) as w.c.'s? 48. (b) other? 4 earth closets.

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No. of additional Closets newly constructed for old property in 1911—

(a) w.c.'s? None. (b) other? None.

No. of Closets constructed in 1911 for new houses—

(a) w.c.'s? 59 for 65 houses. (b) other? None.

SCAVENGING.—

In what parts do the Council undertake public scavenging?

(a) By Sanitary Staff? All.

(b) By Contractors? None.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? No.

NUISANCE INSPECTION.—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1911? 800.

Informal Notices served? 65. Complied with?

Statutory Notices served? 46. Complied with? 31.

Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1910? 6.

At close of 1911? 6.

Total No. Nuisances reported during 1911? 94.

Abated during 1911? 94.

Total No. of Summonses or other legal proceedings? None.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.				No in District.	
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	None	
Canal Boats	...	...	...	None	
Knackers Yards	...	...	...	None	
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	None	

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades, e.g., Fish-frying, Maggot-breeding, etc?
No.

SCHOOLS.—

No. of Visits to Schools? Many.

Action taken? Moor End School closed for Measles.

MILK SUPPLY.—

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts? 6. No. adulterated? None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination? Nil.

What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows?
None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1911? No.

No. of Cowkeepers in district? 30. No. Registered? 30.

No. of Milk Sellers? 51; 21 from outside.

No. Registered? 30.

Total No. of Cowsheds? 42.

No. of Inspections in 1911? 70.

General Condition? Moderate.

Approx. No. of Milch Cows in District? 240.

Any insufficiency in Milk Supply? No.

Legal proceedings under D.C.M. Orders? None.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? No.

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OTHER FOODS.—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A.
for examination under the Food and Drugs Act? None.

No. Adulterated? None.

No. of seizures of unsound food? None.

Kind and quality? None.

No. of Prosecutions? None.

No. of Slaughter Houses? 10. No. Registered? 10.

Kind and Condition? 1 Public and 9 Private; Fair.

No. of Prosecutions—

(a) Food and Drugs? None.

(b) Unsound Food? None.

(c) re Slaughter Houses? None.

HOUSING.—

Is there any scarcity of houses, and where? Yes.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses? 2.

No. of cases dealt with? 2.

Any special activity in house building, and where? No.

No. of new houses built in 1911? 65.

General character? Mostly Cottages.

Are there any working class dwellings erected by the S.A.?

No. No. and date? None.

Any Town Planning Scheme contemplated? Yes.

Who has been designated as the Inspecting Officer under
Article II. of the Housing Regulations, 1910?

Inspector of Nuisances.

No. of houses inspected during 1911—

(a) Statutory (house-to-house)? 88.

(b) Other house inspections? 100. Total, 188.

No. of Notices served as a result of House inspections? 20.

Legal proceedings? None.

Are the records regularly submitted to the S.A. at each
ordinary meeting? Yes.

No. of houses represented as unfit for habitation? 6.

No. dealt with by Closing Order? None.

Any compulsory demolition? No.

Are there still any occupied houses unfit for habitation, and
where? No.

Any cellar dwellings? 6.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.—

Any Smoke nuisance, and where? Yes.

No. of Smoke observations taken? 2.

Legal Notices? None. Summonses? None

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ADOPTIVE ACTS.—

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890? Sections 2, 3, and 5 in force.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907? Sections 8 and 9 in force.

Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890? The whole in force.

Notification of Births Act, 1907? The whole in force.
Date of Adoption, 1911. Action thereunder, Nurse appointed.

Private Street Works Act, 1892? The whole in force.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.—

Private Scavenging: None.

Prevention of Nuisances: 11th March, 1890.

Common Lodging Houses: 11th March, 1890.

Houses let in Lodgings: None.

Offensive Trades: None.

Mortuaries: 16th May, 1905.

New Streets and Buildings (P.H. Act, 1875): 11th Mar. 1890.

New Streets and Buildings (P.H. Amendment Act, 1890):
None.

Slaughter Houses: 11th March, 1890.

Tents and Vans: None.

Cemeteries : 28th December, 1903.

Markets and Fairs : 3rd August, 1909.

Baths and Washhouses : None.

Pleasure Grounds : 11th March, 1890.

Fried Fish Shops : None.

Regulations under Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order :
13th February, 1888.

Does the M.O.H. possess a printed copy of each of the Bye-laws which are operative? Yes.

Are any other Bye-laws needed?

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.—

What diseases have been specially prevalent in 1911? Scarlatina in November and December.

What special action to combat same? All cases removed to hospital.

Is Hospital accommodation adequate and sufficient? Yes.

What arrangements for the supply of antitoxin? Free supply for necessitous cases.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable List? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? No.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—

Scarlatina in November.

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TUBERCULOSIS.—

Any Sanitary Inspection of Patient's Houses? Yes.

Any disinfection? Yes.

Any distribution of advice? No.

Other benefits? No.

Any action re spitting? No.

Any disinfection of Public Rooms, Vehicles, etc.? Yes.

INFANT MORTALITY.—

What organised effort to control it? Nurse appointed.

Is Health Visitor appointed by S.A.? Yes.

By other body? No.

Causes of any Excessive Infant Mortality in 1911? None.

VITAL STATISTICS.—

Births during 1911—Males 104, Females 126; Total 230.

No. illegitimate included in above? 5.

No. of Still Births (not included)? 5 since May 1st.

Deaths during 1911—(1) Gross Deaths, i.e., Total actually registered in the district without any correction? 173.

(2) Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated?
Males 83, Females 96; Total 179.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above)? None.

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MISCELLANEOUS.—

Mean Temperature for 1911? 48.

Rainfall? 24.67.

What Mortuary accommodation—

(a) for accidents? Council's Mortuary.

(b) for infectious cases? At North Bierley Joint Hospital.

No. of Burial Grounds? 6. Any need for extension? No.

Are there any Maggot breeding establishments in District?
No.

Any nuisance therefrom or action in relation thereto? No.

SANITARY STAFF.—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £60.

Does the above include any recent increase in respect of added work? No.

Amount of such Increase? None.

Name of Sanitary Inspector? Alfred Holdroyd.

Annual Salary as Inspector? £76.

Other appointments held? Market Inspector.

Salary for such other appointments? £26.

Any Assistants? One Labourer.

Is Staff sufficient? Yes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS.—

as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes from any of the foregoing entries.

Accommodation for people turned out of their houses whilst their houses are being stoved.

Paving of Backyards and Streets.

Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s.

TABLE 1.

Vital Statistics of whole District during 1911 and Previous Years.

Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year	BIRTHS			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT			
		Un-corrected Number	Nett		Number *	Rate	of Non-residents registered in the District	of Residents not registered in the District	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages	
			Number	Rate					Number *	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births	Number *	Rate
1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1906	12865	260		20.20	214	16.63			34	130.7	204	15.07
1907	12930	267		20.64	144	11.13			24	89.8	144	11.13
1908	13000	259		19.92	177	13.61			30	115.8	179	13.61
1909	13070	253		19.35	156	11.93			26	102.7	153	11.70
1910	13135	254		19.33	165	12.56			34	133.8	164	12.48
1911	12867	230	230	17.87	173	13.44	6	12	28	121.7	179	13.9

* Rates in Columns 6, 10 and 12, calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.
Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water) ... 1755.
Total Population at all ages, 12867. (1911 Census). Number of inhabited houses, 3161.
Average number of persons per house, 4.07

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TABLE II

**Cases of Infectious Disease Notified
during the Year 1911.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	Cases notified in whole district						Total Cases notified in each locality			Total Cases removed to Hospital
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years					Cleckheaton	Scholes	Oakenshaw	
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45				
Small-Pox										
Cholera										
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup)	13		5	8			13			13
Erysipelas	3			1		1	2	1		0
Scarlet Fever	34	1	10	21	1	1	30	4		33
Typhus Fever										
Enteric Fever	4			1	2	1	4			3
Relapsing Fever										
Continued fever										
Puerperal fever										
Plague										
Phthisis {	Under Tuberculosis Regulations, 1908	4					4	4		
	Under Tuberculosis Regulations, 1911					4				
	Others									
Totals	58	1	15	31	3	7	53	5	0	49

Isolation Hospital: North Bierley Joint Hospital Board.

*Total available Beds: 50. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently
treated: 3.*

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TABLE IV.

Infantile Mortality during the Year 1911.*Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.*

CAUSE OF DEATH			Under 1 Week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
All causes—Certified	...	...	7	1	1	1	10	5	2	4	7	28
Small-pox	...	...										
Chicken-Pox	...	...										
Measles	...	...									1	1
Scarlet fever	...	...										
Diphtheria and Croup	...	...										
Whooping-Cough	...	...										
Diarrhoea	...	...										
Enteritis	...	...							1			1
Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...									1	1
Abdominal Tuberculosis	...	...									1	1
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...										
Congenital Malformations	...	...										
Premature birth	...	...	6			1	7					7
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	...	...		1			1	2				3
Atelectasis	...	...										
Injury at birth	...	...	1				1					1
Erysipelas	...	...										
Syphilis	...	...										
Rickets	...	...										
Meningitis (<i>not Tuberculous</i>)	...	...								1	1	2
Convulsions	...	...						3		2		5
Gastritis	...	...			1		1		1	1		3
Laryngitis	...	...										
Bronchitis	...	...									2	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...										
Suffocation, overlying	...	...										
Other causes	...	...									1	1
TOTAL	...	...	7	1	1	1	10	5	2	4	7	28

Births in the Year { Legitimate, 225.
 { Illegitimate, 5.

Deaths in the year of { Legitimate Infants, 27.
 { Illegitimate Infants, 1.

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TABLE III.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during Year 1911.

CAUSES OF DEATH				Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District				
				All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years
				2	3	4	5	6
All causes—Certified	...	...	...	179	28	3	6	9
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	1				
Small Pox	...	...	...					
Measles	...	...	...	1	1			
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...					
Whooping Cough	...	...	...					
Diphtheria and Croup	...	...	...	3			2	1
Influenza	...	...	...	3			1	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...					
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...					
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	...	...	...	5				
Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...	...	3	1			2
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	...	4	1		1	
Rheumatic Fever	...	...	...	1				1
Cancer, malignant disease	...	...	...	20				
Bronchitis	...	...	...	10	2			
Broncho-Pneumonia	...	...	...	4		1		
Pneumonia (all other forms)	...	...	...	2				
Other diseases of Respiratory organs	...	...	...	1				
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	...	...	...	3	2			
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	...	...	...					
Alcoholism	...	...	...	1				
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...					
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	...	...	...					
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...					
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	...	...	...					
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth	...	...	...					
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide...	...	...	...	3			1	
Suicides	...	...	...					
Other Defined Diseases	...	...	...	114	21	2	1	4
Diseases ill-defined or unknown	...	...	...					
All causes	...	...	...	179	28	3	6	9

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TABLE III.—Continued.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during Year 1911.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District.			
	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and upwards
7	8	9	10	11
All causes—Certified	7	25	40	61
Enteric Fever	1			
Small Pox				
Measles				
Scarlet Fever				
Whooping Cough				
Diphtheria and Croup				
Influenza		1		
Erysipelas				
Cerebro-Spinal Fever				
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	2	2	1	
Tuberculous Meningitis				
Other Tuberculous Diseases		1		1
Rheumatic Fever				
Cancer, malignant disease	1	1	10	8
Bronchitis			3	5
Broncho-Pneumonia				3
Pneumonia (all other forms)	1			1
Other diseases of Respiratory organs		1		
Diarrhœa and Enteritis				1
Appendicitis and Typhlitis				
Alcoholism			1	
Cirrhosis of Liver				
Nephritis and Bright's Disease				
Puerperal Fever				
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition				
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth				
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	1	1		
Suicides				
Other Defined Diseases	2	18	25	41
Diseases ill-defined or unknown				
All causes	8	25	40	60

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**Table showing Population, Births, etc., in some West Riding Towns from
which Returns were received.**

TOWN	POPULA- TION. 1911	BIRTHS		DEATHS		Zymotic Death Rate	Phthisis Death Rate	Respira- tory Diseases Death Rate	Infantile Death per 1000	No. of Notifica- tions Received
		No.	Rate per 1000	No.	Rate per 1000					
Birstal ...	7·117	161	22·6	141	19·81	·70	1·12	·14	230·0	47
Brighouse ...	20885	370	17·75	254	12·18	·76		1·92	78·3	45
Heckmondwike ...	9·017	166	18·40	148	16·41	·99	1·10	2·10	162·6	27
Liversedge ...	14660	344	23·4	206	15·40	2·1	·78	1·4	165·6	72
Mirfield ...	11712	224	19·12	175	14·9	·51	1·02	2·39	98·2	59
Pudsey ...	13950	239	17·1	228	16·3	1·2	·5	2·9	163·0	64
Gomersal ...	3796	81	21·33	59	15·54	1·05	1·05	1·31	111·0	43
Cleckheaton ...	12867	230	17·87	179	13·90	·62	·38	1·32	121·7	54

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URBAN DISTRICT



OF CLECKHEATON

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OF THE

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1911.

ALFRED HOLDROYD,

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

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HEALTH OFFICE,
TOWN HALL,
CLECKHEATON,
28th Feb., 1912.

***To the Chairman and Members of the
General Purposes Committee.***

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my report for the year ended 31st December, 1911.

REMOVAL OF REFUSE.

During the year 4669 loads of domestic refuse were removed from the various ashpits and dust bins in the District. The following will show the allocation to the several wards:—

Ward.			Loads.
(a)	Cleckheaton and Scholes	...	4431
(b)	Oakenshaw		238

Of the former quantity 4177 loads were destroyed at the Council's Destructor, 168 loads were taken by the local farmers, and 86 loads dealt with at the Scholes Tip. Of the latter quantity 25 loads were removed to the Bierley Hill Tip, the local farmers taking the remaining 213 loads.

No difficulty has been experienced during the year in connection with the removal of Trade Refuse. I would suggest that the present charges need revision in several instances. In more than one case the Council's men call three times per week at a charge of less than one penny per call. With regard to ordinary refuse, portable dust bins are emptied every 12 to 14 days, and earth closets and stationary dust bins every 3 to 4 weeks. During the year there has been a minimum of complaints with respect to the emptying of dust bins and ashpits.

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NEW BUILDINGS.

The number of new houses certified as fit for occupation was 65, exclusive of the Picture Palace. The sanitary accommodation provided for all such houses was 59 water closets and 65 portable dust bins.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There was no alteration in the number of Slaughter Houses in the District. These premises are situate as follows:—

(a) Cleckheaton Ward	...	7
(b) Scholes Ward	...	2
(c) Oakenshaw Ward	...	1

These are kept in fair condition, are clean, and all have a good supply of water on the premises. No special remarks are necessary thereon.

The slaughtering during the year at the Council's Slaughter House was as follows:—

Beasts	...	372
Pigs	...	582
Calves	...	29
Sheep	...	846
Total	...	<u>1829</u>

MILK SUPPLY.

The number of registered Cowkeepers in the District is:—

Cleckheaton Ward	...	7
Scholes Ward	...	8
Oakenshaw Ward	.	15
Total	...	<u>30</u>

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The Medical Officer and I have made a thorough inspection of all the premises concerned during the year, and they have been visited several times in addition to this inspection. Some of them are overcrowded, but the fact of these over-crowded cowsheds having the best cattle in them makes one pause as to taking action. In one instance a manure receptacle has been provided during the year.

Six samples of milk were taken and forwarded to the County Analyst. No proceedings were taken with regard thereto.

There are 21 milk sellers who bring milk into the town from outside Districts.

FACTORY ACTS.

There are 237 premises in the District that come under the provisions of the Factory and Workshops Act, made up as follows :—

Factories	...	...	124
Workshops	...	...	76
Workplaces	...	..	19
Bakehouses	...	...	18
Total	...		<u>237</u>

All these premises have been inspected during the year. Their condition is reasonably clean, and proper attention has been given to limewashing, etc. There are no registered underground bakehouses or outworkers.

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FRIED FISH SHOPS.

There are 13 Fried Fish and Potato Shops in the District, viz.:

Cleckheaton Ward	...	10
Scholes Ward	...	2
Oakenshaw Ward	...	1
Total	...	13

These are kept clean and in good condition. Good fat is used in frying.

CONVERSION OF PRIVIES.

In the early part of the year the Local Government Board requested to be furnished with particulars of the number

- (a) of the houses,
- (b) of the fresh and waste water closets,
- (c) of the privies with moveable receptacles,
- (d) of privies with fixed receptacles,

in the District on 31st December, 1910. They also desired information as to the number of conversions from privies to water closets during each of the three years 1908, 1909, and 1910, and enquired whether the Council permitted the erection of sanitary conveniences other than water closets in new buildings. Enquiries were made with a view of obtaining the requisite material for reply, and the following information afforded:—

(1) Number of Houses at end of 1910	...	3266
(2) Ordinary Pull Flush Water Closets	...	961
(3) Foot Flush Water Closets	...	20
(4) Special Tap Water Closets	...	122
(5) Waste Water Closets	...	325

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(6)	Portable Dust Bins	...	...	476
(7)	Stationary Dust Bins	...	...	218
(8)	Earth Closets	...	...	396
(9)	Old Privies	...	...	848
(10)	Ashpits Covered	...	...	269
(11)	Ashpits Open	...	...	66

With regard to the conversion of privies the subjoined particulars were given:—

	1908.	1909.	1910.
(a) Fresh and Waste Water Closets ...	37	51	39
(b) Altered during the year from Privies to Water Closets ...	36	23	25
(c) Privies put in with Moveable Receptacles ...	0	0	1

At the end of the year the particulars under the foregoing heads were:—

(1)	Number of Houses at end of 1911	...	3332
(2)	Ordinary Pull Flush Water Closets	...	1068
(3)	Foot Flush Water Closets	...	20
(4)	Special Tap Water Closets	...	122
(5)	Waste Water Closets	...	325
(6)	Portable Dust Bins	...	538
(7)	Stationary Dust Bins	...	227
(8)	Earth Closets	...	400
(9)	Old Privies	...	797
(10)	Ashpits Covered	...	259
(11)	Ashpits Open	...	63

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It will therefore appear from these figures that there have been erected during the year 66 houses, 107 additional water closets, 63 portable dust bins, and 9 stationary dust bins.

Speaking generally, so far as new premises are concerned water closets are usually constructed.

During the present year some conversions of privies into water closets have been carried out by the owners after notices from the Council. Notices have been served under Section 36 of the Public Health Act 1875 in a number of other cases, and in several instances when the owners have failed to comply with such notices, the work has been, or will be, undertaken by the Council and the cost recovered from them.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1909.

This Act has brought an increase of duties and responsibilities to the Health Department. The Council in June, 1911, appointed me as the Officer under the Act, and gave directions for the necessary registers, forms, etc., to be obtained. Between my appointment and the end of the year 88 inspections of houses were made in cases where the Medical Officer considered an early inspection desirable.

Generally it may be said that the oldest houses in the District were selected. I am pleased to report that in this work I have met with generous support from the owners concerned with regard to carrying out the various defects discovered on inspection. The inspection has so far been limited to the Cleckheaton Ward. It is intended to deal with the other Wards shortly.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Infectious disease occurred in 57 houses, 14 of which were through houses and 43 back-to-back houses. In connection with these cases 126 rooms were fumigated, for which 222 sulphur candles were utilised. All cases were in the Cleckheaton and Scholes Wards.

The Schools affected were:—

School.	Cases.
Westgate (Infants) ...	4
Scholes ...	5
St. John's ...	6
Moorend ...	15
St. Luke's ...	2
British ...	7

The other cases were not of school age.

All the Schools have been fumigated during the year.

SANITARY WORK.

The following details will be of interest to the Committee:

NUISANCES:

From Last Year ...	6
Complaints during 1911 ...	94
House-to-House Inspection ...	106
	206
Ordinary Nuisances dealt with ...	90
	116
House-to-House Inspections dealt with ...	39
	77
Unsubstantiated Complaints ..	4
	73

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There are therefore 73 nuisances which have not been finally disposed of, viz.:—67 under the House-to-House Inspection and 6 ordinary. Notices have been served in all these cases. During the year 111 notices were served, viz.:—65 intimation and 46 Statutory; of the latter 31 were complied with, and the remainder are receiving attention. It is of course understood that in the event of failure to comply with an intimation notice the matter is brought before the Council, and a Statutory notice invariably follows.

The quantity of water from the town's mains used for flushing was 88,000 gallons. The owners of property affected were charged with 23,000 gallons, the remainder being paid for by the Council.

24 manholes, 96 w.c.'s, and the sewers (18 times) were flushed during the year.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

There are 6 Hackney Carriages and 2 Taxi Cabs licensed to ply for hire in the Council's district. These conveyances have been well kept, and I have no complaints to make with regard thereto.

SMOKE OBSERVATIONS.

A few observations were taken during the year, and in one very bad case the Clerk to the Council took the matter up with the owners of the premises.

Mechanical Stokers have been installed at the Council's Electricity Works with satisfactory results in the direction of minimising the smoke nuisance.

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MARKET.

There is not that improvement in the Market one would like to see. The receipts therefrom are £20 less than in 1909. I would suggest the appointment of a Sub-Committee to deal with a re-arrangement of the stalls. I would also recommend that in the cases of absentees on Saturdays (after having arranged for a stall) they be required to pay half the usual charge instead of the full amount. I have reason to believe that there would be a general acquiescence in this arrangement, and the half toll would meet any expense incurred in preparing and fixing the stall. I am renewing 20 covers which have been in use three years.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

ALFRED HOLDROYD,

Inspector of Nuisances.

